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re material for Sen. Symington re Laos.

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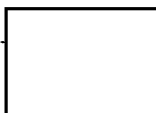
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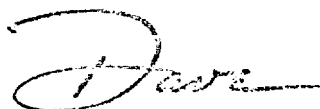


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Attached initial draft of our proposed response to Senator Symington for your review and comment.

I think we need to get together prior to dispatching this to make sure the information is in accordance with data provided Senator Symington by all parties involved.

I have advised Senator Symington's office that he will have our answer by Tuesday, June 22.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. J. Hessler".

D. J. Hessler

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Senator Frank L. Symington
United States Senate

Dear Senator Symington:

Secretary Laird has asked me to respond to your letter of May 27, 1971, concerning Department of Defense expenditures in support of our operations in Laos.

Attached is your list of questions with our answers.

Sincerely,

//s//Mr. Moot

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1. ~~question~~: What is the total cost of military assistance to Laos expected to be in FY 1971? What is the projected cost for FY 1972?

Answer: (CONFIDENTIAL) The estimated amounts included in the military functions appropriations for military assistance to Laos in fiscal year 1971 and 1972 ^{are} is \$117.3 million and \$125.8 million. These amounts do not include the value, if any, of equipment turned over to the Laotian Government as a result of the withdrawing U.S. forces that will not be replaced in U.S. inventories.

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2. Question: What is the cost of maintaining the organization headed by the Deputy Chief, Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand, which supports military assistance activities in Laos?

Answer: (UNCLASSIFIED) The estimated annual operating cost to maintain the Deputy Chief Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand is as follows:

(Dollars in Thousands)		
<u>FY 1970</u>	<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
1,566	1,512	1,530

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Answer: (SECRET)

including personnel, facilities, aircraft and ordnance, of U.S. air activities, for all services, in and over Laos for FY 1971 and FY 1972? What are the average per sortie costs for the operation of various types of U.S. aircraft in Laos?

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The following table gives estimated sortie costs for tactical aircraft used over Laos.

Air Force		Marines		Navy	
Type	\$/Sortie	Type	\$/Sortie	Type	\$/Sortie
A-1	\$6,100	A-4	\$7,700	A-4	\$7,700
AC-119	21,100	A-6	7,700	A-6	7,700
AC-130	25,300	F-4	9,000	A-7	7,700
F-100	4,600			F-4	9,000
F-105	9,000			F-8	7,700
F-4	9,000				
B-57	22,500				
B-52	31,000				

The ordnance carried by these aircraft represents about 80 percent of the sortie cost the remainder is the cost of personnel, operations, and maintenance. These tactical sorties represent approximately 60 percent of the 150,000 sorties flown over Laos in the first 10 months of FY 71. The remaining 40 percent of the sorties are largely USAF supporting aircraft, the costs of which are more accurately reflected by yearly operations and maintenance, rather than sortie, costs. In the table below are given the numbers and per year costs of squadrons which can be considered supporting the Laos effort.

Type	Numbers of Squadrons	Total Cost per Squadron (\$ Million)
EC-121	1	26.0
UC-123/C-123	1	9.0
RF-4	1	19.3
O-2/OV-10	1	10.7
HH-53	1	6.8
HC-130	1	7.0

The above costs for the supporting aircraft are total, not incremental, costs and will be only slightly reduced when the units are returned to CONUS, since normal operational and training flights will continue at about the same annual rate.

An estimate of the comprehensive costs for U.S. air activities over Laos includes installation costs, tactical sortie costs, and costs for the supporting squadrons. During FY 71 the Air Force maintained five bases in Thailand which can be considered supporting the Laos air effort. Total costs for these five bases is approximately \$100 million in FY 71. Based on numbers and types of supporting aircraft, their costs are \$78.8 million in FY 71. Costs for the tactical sorties, by Service, during the first 10 months of FY 71 are shown below:

Service	Costs (\$ Millions)
Air Force	749.6
Navy	189.3
Marines	29.8
Total	968.7

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4. Question: What is the cumulative cost of the facilities and equipment now operated by Task Force Alpha? What are the personnel and operating costs of Task Force Alpha? for FY 1971? What is estimated for FY 1972?

Answer: (UNCLASSIFIED) Through FY 1971, the cumulative military construction program cost of the facilities at Task Force Alpha is \$3.7 million and the cumulative investment cost of the equipment is \$13.5 million. The FY 1971 personnel and operating cost of Task Force Alpha is approximately \$3.3 million and \$4.5 million respectively. It is estimated that the FY 1972 personnel cost will be \$2.5 million and the other operating cost will be \$2.9 million.

Question: 5a. What is the current fiscal year cost of maintaining the U.S. Army and Air Force Attache organizations in Laos, including pay, allowance, housing, local personnel costs, supplies, equipment, transportation, communications and office space? What is the estimate of FY 1972 costs?

Answer: The current fiscal year cost and the estimate of FY 1972 costs of maintaining the U.S. Army and Air Force Attache organizations in Laos is \$779,500 for FY 1971 and \$765,800 for FY 1972. The following provides the details of these costs:

	(\$ in Thousands)	
	Actual FY 1971	Estimate FY 1972
Military Pay and Allowance	\$267.9	269.0
Confidential Military Emergency and Extraordinary Fund Expense	55.9	26.1
Leased Family Housing	98.4	103.3
Local Civilian Personnel	2.9	3.1
Temporary Duty Travel	12.7	13.0
Transportation	0	0
Communications	.1	.1
Equipment Maintenance	7.0	8.0
Other Purchased Services	8.1	7.7
Assigned Aircraft, Flying Hour Cost	114.0	106.0
Aircraft petroleum, oil and lubricants	20.7	20.7
Supplies	3.1	3.6
Equipment	0	1.1
Miscellaneous	8.0	8.0
Reimbursable Expenses Paid to U.S. Department of State for Administrative Support by the Defense Intelligence Agency	167.7	166.1
Procurement Costs of 4 Sedans and 1 Station Wagon	13.0	0
Total	\$779.5	\$765.8

Question: 5b. How much is included in the U.S. Army and Air Force
Attache organizations in Laos associated with the American Forward
Air Controllers in Laos?

Answer: There are no funds included in the U.S. Army and Air Force
Attache organization in Laos for support of the American Forward
Air Controllers in Laos.

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6. Question: What Defense Department related or financed activities are now being conducted or are contemplated in Laos through or under the auspices of the AID program? What is the cost of these activities for FY 1971 and what will it be for FY 1972?

Answer: (CONFIDENTIAL)

(\$ Millions)

	<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
Requirements Office	2.0	2.0
Subsistence Consumables and Associated Air Transport Costs	11.3	11.3

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7. Question: What amount of funds appropriated to the Defense Department have been transferred to other U.S. Government agencies as reimbursement, or for any other purpose, during FY 1971? Identify all transactions of this nature, including amounts of money involved, for the current fiscal year. What transfers or transactions are expected in FY 1972?

Answer: (SECRET)

Department of the Army

FY 1971
(\$ Millions)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
USAID	MPA	\$8.1	Subsistence for Laotian military and paramilitary personnel
USAID 25X1A	OMA	2.0	Operation of Requirements Office, Vientiane
	OMA		
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Total FY 1971			

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FY 1972

USAID	MPA	8.1	Subsistence for Laotian military and paramilitary personnel
USAID 25X1A	OMA	2.0	Operation of Requirements Office, Vientiane
	OMA		
Total FY 1972			

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Department of the Navy

FY 1971
None

FY 1972
None

Question 7 (Continued)

Air ForceFY 1971

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
USIA	O&M	\$.3	Support of USAID Requirements in Laos

FY 1972

USIA	O&M	.3	Support of USAID Requirements in Laos
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Department of DefenseFY 1971

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
State	O&M, DA	.2	Reimbursable expenses paid to State Department for Administration support of Department of Defense Attache Organization

FY 1972

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Question 8

Question: How many Defense Department personnel, including armed service personnel, are on loan or detailed to other U.S. Government agencies for activities related to Laos?

(SECRET)
Answer: One.

Question: What are the costs (salary and maintenance) of such personnel and to what agency are they charged?

(SECRET)
Answer: The person in question is loaned to AID under a participating agency support agreement which calls for AID to pay all of his salary and maintenance costs.

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9. Question: What is the total amount of reimbursement or other forms of payment or transfer of funds from other U.S. Government agencies to the Defense Department or to the various services during 1971? What are the anticipated totals for 1972?

Answer: (SECRET)

(\$ Millions)

Department of the Army

<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
None	None

Department of the Navy

<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
None	None

Department of the Air Force

FY 1971 - FY 1972

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
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10. Question: What is the value of surplus or excess equipment given to the Royal Lao Armed Forces or to U.S. financed irregular forces, both Lao and Thai, for use in Laos?

Answer: (CONFIDENTIAL) The total value (at acquisition cost) of excess Department of Defense equipment turned over to the Royal Lao Government is \$26,171,000 through May 1971.

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Question 11

Question: What is the total value of U.S. financed military equipment and supplies given, transferred, or loaned to the Royal Lao Armed Forces by third countries, including specifically Thailand.

(SECRET)

Answer: No U.S. financed military equipment and supplies have been given, transferred, or loaned to the RLGAFF by third countries, including Thailand, to our knowledge. The question may allude to ten T-28D aircraft formerly in the Royal Thai Air Force out now in use in the RLAF pilot training program. These aircraft were not transferred by the Thai to the Lao but rather by the Thai to the U.S.

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12. Question: What was the cost of all types of military or military related training, including travel costs and language training, provided by the United States to Laos in FY 1971? What are the projected costs for FY 1972?

Answer:

	<u>FY 1971</u>	<u>FY 1972</u>
Army	2.2	1.9
Air Force	.4	.4

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13. Question: Describe the types and value of U.S. military aircraft loaned, rented or "bailed" to Air America, Continental Airlines, Lao Air Transport, Royal Air Lao or any other company during FY 1971. What is the total amount of payments or other forms or reimbursement received for the use of these aircraft?

Answer: (SECRET)

a. The following USAF transport aircraft are "bailed" to Air America to support operations in Laos.

1. One C-130 on temporary "as required" bailment. Normally only one is in operation by Air America at a given time. The cumulative average flyaway cost of the C-130E based on procurement of 387 aircraft through FY 1972 is [REDACTED] Current flyaway replacement cost of a C-130 is [REDACTED]

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2. Twelve C-123K aircraft on permanent bailment. The cumulative average flyaway cost of twelve aircraft is [REDACTED]

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3. Seven C-7A aircraft on permanent bailment. The cumulative average flyaway cost of seven aircraft is [REDACTED]

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b. USAF pays operating and maintenance costs on the above aircraft and receives reimbursement at standard flying hour rates in return. Total reimbursement received for the above aircraft during calendar year 1970 from other U. S. government agencies was [REDACTED]

(Exception: DoD pays for that portion of the C-130 flying time in support of USAID requirements; the total for calendar 1970 was \$321,328.000).

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c. USAF is also reimbursed by other U.S. government agencies for USAF CH-3 and H-53 flying hours flown in support of certain operations in Laos; total during calendar year 1970 was \$662,842.20.

It is anticipated that FY 1971 and FY 1971 requirements will be

14. Question: What was the cost of all construction financed by Defense appropriated funds in Laos in fiscal years 1970 and 1971? What construction is contemplated in FY 1972?

Answer: (UNCLASSIFIED)

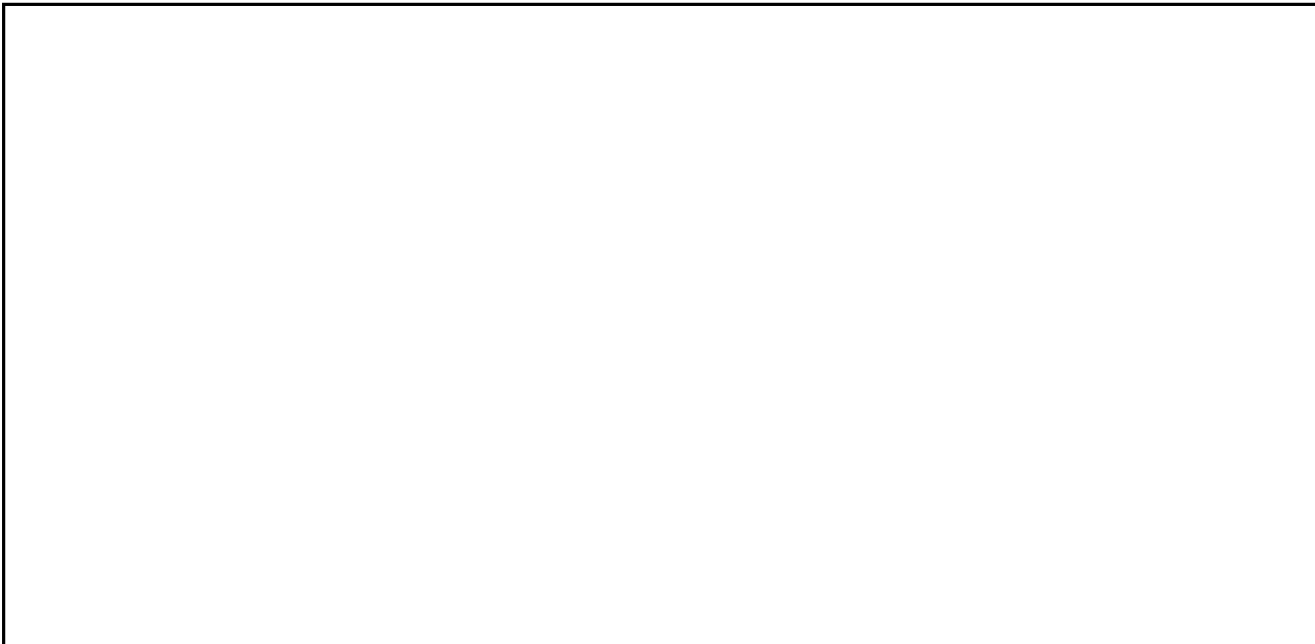
Prior year Defense appropriated funds were used to finance construction in Laos in FY 1970 and 1971 in the amounts of \$2,167,000 and \$3,809,000 respectively.

There is no construction for Laos in the FY 1972 Military Construction Program to be financed by Defense appropriated funds.

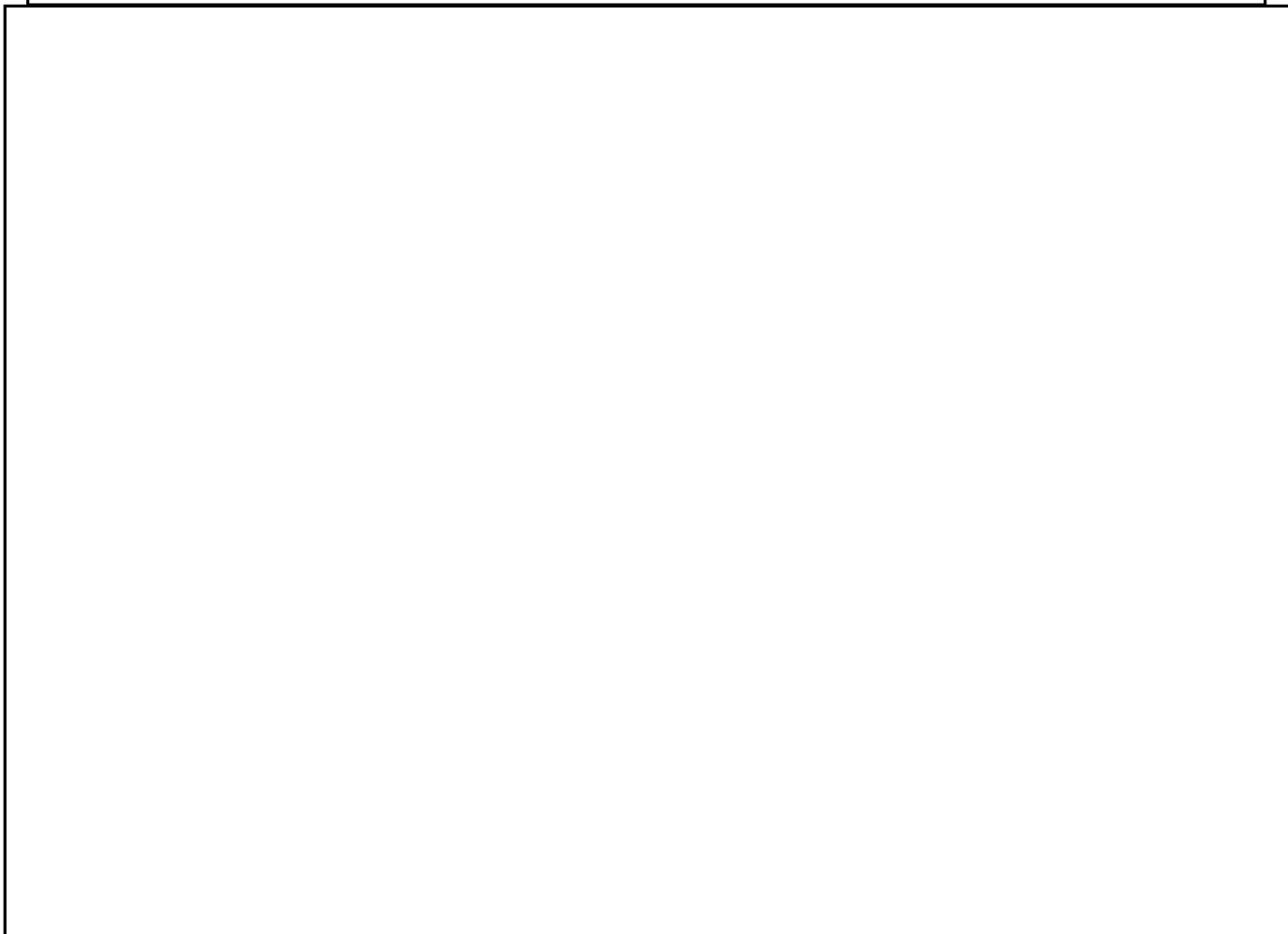
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16. Question: In addition to the information requested above, are there any other categories of Defense Department expenditures in Laos? What amounts are expected to be spent for these activities in FY 1971 and FY 1972?

Answer: (UNCLASSIFIED) There are no other categories of DoD expenditures in Laos that have not been indicated above.

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